

PATTERSON, THUENTE, SKAAR & CHRISTENSEN, P.A.
4800 IDS Center, 80 South Eighth Street
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402-2100 USA

RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

SEP 22 2004

FACSIMILE COVER SHEET

TELEPHONE: (612) 349-5740 TOLL FREE: 1-800 331-4537
FACSIMILE: (612) 349-9266

TOTAL NUMBER OF PAGES BEING SENT (INCLUDING COVER SHEET): 5

☐ Original documents to follow by mail

☒ No originals will be sent

DATE: September 22, 2004

TO: Examiner *Unknown*
Group Art Unit: 3618

FAX #: 703-872-9306

PHONE #:

Application No.: 10/776,039
Applicant: STODOLA et al.
Due Date:

OUR REF.: 1001.55US02

FROM: Michael A. Bondi
PHONE #: (612) 349-5771

- 1) Supplemental IDS/Form 1449 - 3 pages
- 2) One Reference - 1 page

Sincerely,

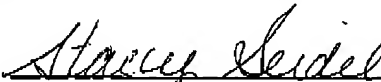


Michael A. Bondi
Reg. No. 39,616

CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this paper is being transmitted by facsimile to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Fax No. 703-872-9306 on the date shown below thereby constituting filing of same.

September 22, 2004
Date


Stacey A. Seidel

THIS FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION CONTAINS LEGALLY PRIVILEGED AND CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION INTENDED FOR THE PARTY IDENTIFIED ABOVE. IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED THIS TRANSMISSION IN ERROR, PLEASE CALL PATTERSON, THUENTE, SKAAR & CHRISTENSEN COLLECT AT (612) 349-5740. DISTRIBUTION, REPRODUCTION OR ANY OTHER USE OF THIS TRANSMISSION BY ANY PARTY OTHER THAN THE INTENDED RECIPIENT IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED.

RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER
SEP 22 2004

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Attorney Docket No.: 1001.55US02

Stodola et al.

Confirmation No.: 2135

Application No.: 10/779,039

Examiner: *Unknown*

Filed: February 11, 2004

Group Art Unit: 3618

For: VEHICLE MOUNTED STEP ASSEMBLY

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in addition to information disclosed in Applicant's Information Disclosure Statement filed April 14, 2004, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

Application No. 10/776,039

This information is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits. No certification or fee is required.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael A. Bondi
Registration No. 39,616

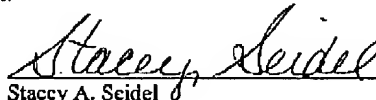
Customer No. 24113
Patterson, Thunte, Skaar & Christensen, P.A.
4800 IDS Center
80 South 8th Street
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402-2100
Telephone: (612) 349-5771

Please grant any extension of time necessary for entry; charge any fee due to Deposit Account No. 16-0631.

CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this paper is being transmitted by facsimile to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Fax No. 703-872-9306 on the date shown below thereby constituting filing of same.

September 22, 2004
Date


Stacy A. Seidel

Substitute for form 1449/PTO INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT <i>(Use as many sheets as necessary)</i>				Complete if Known	
				Application Number	10/776,039
				Filing Date	February 11, 2004
				First Named Inventor	Stodola et al.
				Art Unit	3618
				RECEIVED CENTRAL FAX CENTER SEP 22 2004	
Examiner Name Unknown				Attorney Docket Number 1001.55US02	
Sheet	1	of	1		
NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS					
EXAMINER INITIAL [*]	Cite No. ¹	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published			T ²
		"StepLite by DAC Sky - Innovative truck products for professionals and outdoorsmen," Sportsman Gear Magazine, vol. 23, issue 4, page 21.			
EXAMINER SIGNATURE				DATE CONSIDERED	
<p>*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. ¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ²Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.</p> <p>This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 120 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.</i></p>					